

THE HUMAN ELEMENT IN DIVINE WORK

John 11:39

"Take ye away the strong."

I. The Stone Of Doubt.

- a. Indicated here by saying, "If thou hast been here our brother," "By this time he stinketh, etc." Jesus said, "If thou believeth, etc."
- b. Doubt was the stone that caused the children of Israel to wonder forty years at a great loss.
- c. Doubt brought panic in the camp of God when the spies brought in their report.
- d. Note what it has done for us.
- e. Take it away and replace it with the faith of Abraham that caused him to move out.

II. The Stone Of Indifference.

- a. May be shown by just refusing to take a stand either way. We may not be for or against a thing, just indifferent.
- b. May wait upon others to do it.
- c. May be spectator. Just waiting to see what the outcome will be.

III. The Lord Cannot Work Until The Stone Is Removed.

- a. He who raised could have spoke to the stone, but He did not. He wants us to do our part.
- b. Lazarus cannot be raised until the stone is removed.
- c. Whatever the stone is in your life, remove it.

IV. Some Of The Stones In Our Way.

- a. The stone of doubt.
- b. Lack of cooperation. Cannot get our people to move in mass.
- c. Lack of interest.
- d. Lack of stability, to quick to give up.

V. We May All Have A Part In Removing The Stone.

- a. Removing the stone does not require an equivalent minister. No special training.
- b. Does not require the intellect of Webster, the voice of Caruso, the logic of Lincoln, strategy of Lee, of freeness of Jackson.
- c. Requirements. A willingness to do something.
- d. An obedient spirit, or the capacity to obey orders.